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St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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EIGHTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time
Year C 26th / 27th
February 2022

RETREAT INTO THE HEART OF JESUS

WHEN

Friday 11 Mar 2022

6.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 12 Mar 2022

9.00am - 3.00pm

Sunday 13 Mar 2022

9.00am - 3.00pm

WHERE

Parish Hall

135B Brook Street, Coogee NSW 2034



Readings for this weekend

Ecc	27:4-7	Speech shows state of mind
1 Cor	15:54-58	Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ
Luke	6:39-45	A person speaks from what is in one's heart

Ashes are a powerful symbol of humility and loss; but they do not hold the last word as we journey to the glory of Easter.

The symbolism of Ash Wednesday is strong and stark. In the Catholic Church it marks the beginning of Lent, when churches traditionally change their appearance. Vestments and altar cloths change from white or green to purple. Taken together with practices such as fasting and other acts of self-denial, they define Lent as a time of austerity and repentance.

Ashes are a symbol of humiliation. In our culture, civilisation and elegance are often seen to begin with sweeping dust and ashes from houses and with removing them from our skin and clothing. To be dirty humiliates us. The word "humility" comes from the Latin word for soil. In Christian terms it also reminds us of the weakness, betrayals and neglect that make our lives, no matter how elaborately we create a self-image to conceal them. The humiliation of Lent is to recognise what and who we are, and to know that God loves and cares for us as we are. To leave ashes on our foreheads after Mass is a strong and challenging symbol.

Ashes are also a symbols of the seasonal regeneration that follows burning. After bushfires, tree trunks remain black and leave marks on us if we brush against them. Green shoots however gradually emerge from ashes and sprout from blackened tree branches. In the forest death yields to life. That, of course, is also the whole point of Lent. Its ashes do not have the last word. Life continues, regenerates, and spreads out from the ashes. In the Christian story the ash of bare and sinful humanity reflects the love that leads God to share the ashes of our life, the humiliation of dying naked on a cross, and to rise from the ashes.

The ashes of Lent look forward to the green and spreading vines of Easter, by which in Christ we are received into the happiness of the kingdom of God.

Australian Catholics, 2022

Entrance antiphon: The Lord become my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Response to the psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars: you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!



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Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil February	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & Radmila Lewis	Vigil 5pm February	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor
Sunday 7.00 am February	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson & Gerry Walker	Sunday 7.00 am February	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am 27th February	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Sharron Critchley	Sunday 9.30 am February	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Phil Docherty, Pilar Ovelar
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm (Coordinator)	Paula O'Connor
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters (parish office)		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
February 27th:	Group 4	March 6th:	Group 1
March 13th:	Group 2	March 20th:	Group 3

Sacramental Dates 2022			
First Reconciliation	Wednesday 30 th March	5pm & 7pm	(Enrolment for first reconciliation is on our website this week)
Confirmation	Tuesday 14 th June	5pm & 7pm	
First Communion	Sunday 11 th September		

Mass intentions <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>	
Recently Deceased:	Mazz Appleton, Hilda Nellany (UK), Mary Murray, Glen Robert Thoroughgood, John Angius, Kim Eves.
Other Deceased:	Sr Elaine Whittaker, Dorothy Costigan, Frank Bowman.
Anniversaries:	Mark O'Connor
Sick:	All parishioners and family and friends who have Covid-19. Also, Diane Gordon, Andrew Walker, June Clements, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig, Beverly Flint, Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, John Cavanagh, Rob Williams.

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (when Covid allows us safely begin again)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday — 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Lenten prayer books are available on the tables in the Church Foyer—one from Sydney Archdiocese, and the small one (*which is excellent*) from Brisbane Archdiocese. Please take either, or both, for your own Lenten journey, or to share with others in a small group.

Ease of Covid restrictions: After this weekend, masks not necessary (although still encouraged) in Church, and please joining in singing, as our three choirs are now fully operational again.

Easter Choir Practice has commenced—Thursday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome to join in.

Tuesday 1st March - Shrove Tuesday, please join us for pancakes in the hall after 9.30am Mass.

Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Monday 7th March -This will be the first meeting of **Parish Pastoral Council**—5.30pm in school library.

Baptisms this week - Congratulations to the following children who are welcomed into our parish community: Ava Rose Cunningham, Genevieve Ann Cordi, Indie Bella Fay, Leila and Thomas Criado-Perez, Thea Elizabeth Daly.

Fr Phil

Parish Retreat Weekend 11th, 12th & 13th March

I warmly encourage you to join us for our parish retreat in March.

This is the first “retreat” in our parish for many years, please make a note of the dates on your diaries or calendars. (We need numbers by end of this week)

Further information can be obtained at the parish office.

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You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Brigid's Parish Coogee, Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**